

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides means and methods for at least a partial prevention of cellular damage in disease resulting from hypoxia/ischemia (H/I)-related inflammation, preferably due to occlusion of blood vessels. Administration of IFN type-I before, around or after the time of lifting of the ischemia results in improved survival of cells downstream of the occluded blood vessel, presumable because the H/I-related inflammation is attenuated. Treatment results in less damage, better recovery and/or improved repair of the affected tissue.

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